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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Rodriguez DATE TYPED: 2/21/03 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE: Half-Staff Flags Upon Death of Law Enforcement SB SJM 74
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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	NFI		NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From
 Department of Public Safety

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 74 to requests the Governor to order all United States and New Mexico flags to be lowered to half-staff upon the death of a law enforcement officer in the line of duty.

Significant Issues

1. Law enforcement officers put their lives on the line every day.
2. Law enforcement officers selflessly protect and serve others, usually for wages that are not commensurate with the risks of their duties.
3. 119 law enforcement officers have been killed in the line of duty in New Mexico.
4. Each death represents the ultimate sacrifice that one person can make in the service of another, and it should be recognized by all New Mexicans.

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